

"LOOKING 'EM OVER"

With Mike Callas Jr.

INTER-LEAGUE PLAY DURING SEASON

Several years ago, Hank Greenberg, one of the greatest sluggers the game has ever seen, proposed to heads of National and American League teams that their squads play each other twice during the regular season and have the results count in the standings.



LA's WALTER

York's Yankee stadium, the attendance would have hit the 60,000 figure.

BRASS REJECTS GREENBERG'S SOLUTION

Hank had a mighty powerful motive for the proposal he made to prexy and league officials. In almost every major league city attendance had fallen off. Even Ebbets Field housed less crowds regardless of the team's bid for the pennant. The Braves moved to Milwaukee after they discovered that Boston could no longer support two clubs. Later the circuits were to see the Dodgers shift to Los Angeles, Athletics to Kansas City, the Browns to Baltimore, and the Giants to San Francisco. All moves influenced by the decrease in revenue.

Club owners and the men who direct league affairs turned down Greenberg's amendment to major league rules. The sole reason given—inter-league play would hurt the World Series; the October Classic would become anti-climatic.

At the time all this was happening, very little publicity was given to Hank's "radical" suggestion. It seemed as if a censor had appeared.

QUIT IN SEPTEMBER

Not too long ago, we learned that the old idea was being discussed once again, at least quietly. Several club owners are in favor of inter-league play, however, they are in the minority.

When the Braves were in Los Angeles recently, I talked with one of their high-priced players, one who chooses to remain anonymous. I asked him about inter-league play and his reaction was similar to ours. "Last year the team (Milwaukee) did fairly well at the gate—but in '59 we are behind! If we were to play eight home dates with each American League team we would draw at least 150,000 more paying clients. As for the games hurting the series gate—why not schedule the contests up to September. Certainly interest would mount during this one month of non-inter-league play. Two games with an American League team does not determine who is superior. Most people say even seven is not conclusive. So why all the talk against it?"

CHANCE TO SEE STARS OF OTHER LEAGUE

In late June the Dodgers played host to the Phillies for four consecutive contests. Although Los Angeles won all four, less than 50,000 showed up. If the Dodgers had played three of these games against the Phils and then played even second division Washington in the fourth—the gate for all games would have been in the 70,000 plus category. The extra 20,000 or more would have come to the Senator's sensational Killbrew, Or Triandos of Baltimore, Williams of Boston, Colavito of Cleveland, Mantle of New York, Cerv of Kansas City, Aparicio of Chicago, and Kuenn of Detroit.

Fans hear about these stars by reading their morning papers. Interest is created, yet unless their home team is fortunate enough to be in the World Series, their chances of seeing them are slim.

O'MALLEY THE LEADER

We have, as yet, not queried Mr. O'Malley on this subject. Perhaps he is not in favor of inter-league ball. However, we doubt it strongly, for the likeable prexy moved the Dodgers out of Brooklyn when he felt his team, as well as the crowds, had had it. He also was behind the Yankee-Dodger exhibition game in Los Angeles and the forthcoming second All-Star game.

Mr. O'Malley is first a business man, and with this in mind we feel he should take up where Greenberg failed. His appreciation of the Los Angeles fan is sincere and admirable. Taking stock of these qualities in the man, we are looking for inter-league play come 1960 or at the very latest in '61.

After all gents, this year's Dodgers are pennant contenders but in '58 the gate was over 100,000 more than at this time. Something new should be given us fans, else who will support Chavez Ravine?

PRESS Sports



STAN GIFFORD

Stan Gifford to Give Exhibition at PV Bowl

Stan Gifford, former ABC team and doubles co-champion and a Brunswick star bowler, will appear Friday, July 17, noon-6 p.m. in a special exhibition at Palos Verdes Bowl, it was announced by Harry Sternfeld.

He will conduct an instruction session following his exhibition. Nicknamed "Mighty Mouse" because of his slight build, Gifford stands as proof that championship bowling is not reserved for those of above average size or strength.

As a member of the fabulous Falstaffs of Chicago in 1956, Gifford led the squad to the ABC title with a 687 performance. He teamed with Bill Lillard to capture the doubles crown that year and compiled a 1958 total to help boost the Falstaffs into the team all-events championship.

On May 19, 1955, he pocketed \$5000 by rolling a 300 game on a televised bowling show.

Before moving to Chicago, Gifford was a teenage sensation on the West Coast where his first major victory came in 1950 when, at 18, he captured the Idaho State all-events title.

He now carries a 206 average with the Chicago Munsingwear Team in the North End Traveling League.

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OUTDOORS with MEL

By MEL SALTZMAN

In spite of the heavy weekend heat, traffic on the ocean front, the barracuda just don't seem to want to quit. The hot spot is the Horseshoe Kelp which is on a course of 126 degrees from San Pedro Harbor. This is the same spot that had been so poor until a few weeks ago. The barracuda are bigger than the fish that are currently being taken at Rocky Point and there are quite a few yellowtail in these waters. The fishermen are complaining that the bait available at both Redondo and Long Beach is very poor both in size and in liveliness. This is probably the reason that so few of the big Yellowtails are being hooked.

Catalina fishing fell off after being real good for a long while. This is probably because of the apparent lack of bait, plus the fact that more boats are choosing to fish local water when the fish cooperate as they have.

At San Diego the fish count is slowly climbing after a midsummer slump. It is almost impossible to believe that all those fish that were there earlier have disappeared. For a while any day that 2000 fish weren't caught was considered poor. Now their average is about 1 1/2 yellowtail per person.

In other outdoor activities the new Hunting Regulations are now available at all Sporting Goods Stores. The early Archery season is now on with few kills reported along the coast due to the heat. I will try to print the new regulations in the next column. For more information call Mel at FA 8-2173.

Lomita Leagues Pick All-Stars for Playoffs

Lomita Little League has selected players for the All-Star team which will play others in the district.

First game will be July 23 in Chandler Field. Players selected are Glynn Gordon, Ron Hegge, Tom Martinez and Mike Peace. Tagers; Paul Bernston, Mike Cummins, Frank Grosch and Jim Wicklund, Stars; Joe DiMassa, Dan Nielson, Bob Patton and Ron Scott, Indians; Dennis Pratt, and Steve Warren, Yankees.

Chuck Lewis will be manager and Jess Nichols, coach.

The results of the games for last week are as follows:

Major League July 6, Yankees defeated the Stars 8 to 5. Homerun hitter of this game was Dennis Pratt of the Yankees.

July 8, Indians defeated the Tigers 17 to 13. Homeruns were hit by Ron Hegge of the Tigers, and Ron Scott for 1 homerun and David Vasquez for 2 homeruns of the Indians.

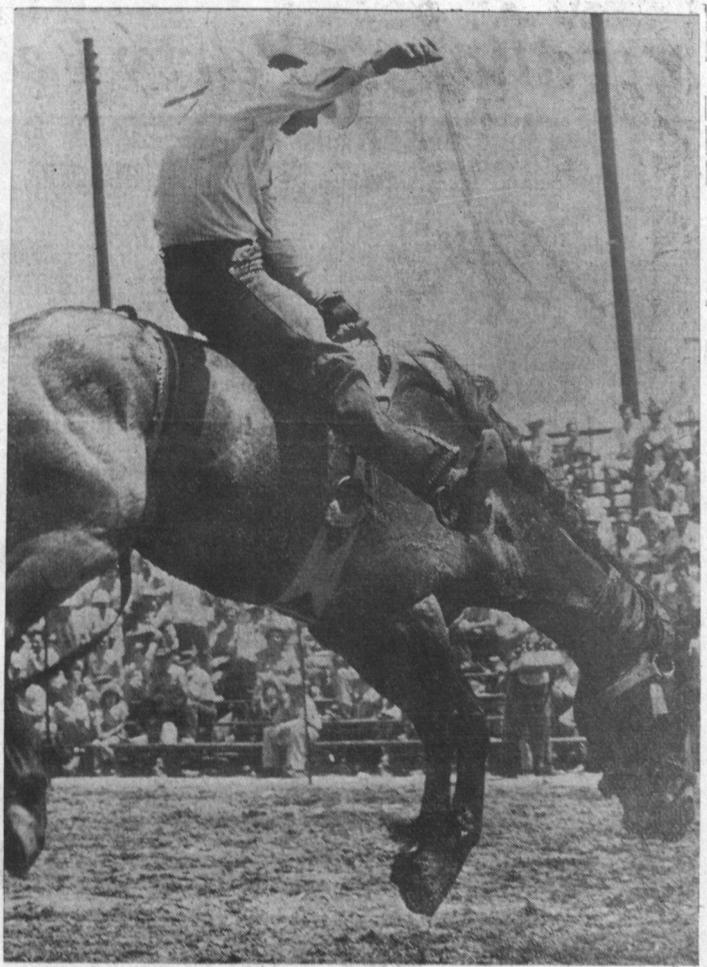
July 10, Yankees defeated the Indians to go into the lead of the 2nd half with 6 wins. The score was 11 to 2 in favor of the Yankees. Homerun hitters of the game were Bobby Dowd of the

Bowling News

Friday nights Mens Industrial completed the 8th week of their summer meet with league leading Vogue Cleaners hanging onto the top notch by a narrow one game margin. Don's Drive-In riders in second followed one down by the Ajax Boiler quintet. J. Amichero posted the first rounds individual series high by connecting his three game set for a sizzling 582&96-678 while game high was whipped up by J. McQueen of the Terrors, and Moose Jokers representative, K. Evans. Both recorded whopping 256 efforts, McQueen with his powerful 225&31-256 and Evans with 256 scratch.

Sunday Late Bird loop led by the Four X's won over Medical Arts Pharmacy with the Brown and Taylor squad riding in third. Individual men's series high for the seven weeks of play held by L. Holtz and his impressive 619&75-694 set as Rigby's hurler, M. Swinden tops the gals with her potent 560&61-641 tallies. H. DeCastro of the team no. 8 whipped up a blistering 225&19-244 single to claim the top notch in the high game column for the men while Medical Arts; V. Furgivele pitched the female high. 211&36-247.

The Stingers hold a one game lead in Bowl-O-Drome's Tuesday night Mixed Four after completing the 9th week of their summer sessions. The Splits ride in second followed two down by the Torrance Heater Service, Fickle Four and the Splits & Hamms bunched in third. D. Adams of the Wild Ones, and his power-packed 626&42-668 set holds down the mens individual season series honors while one of the Fearsome Foursomes, G. Walton and her 478&138-616 three game effort tops the female honor roll. Seasons high game posted by H. Costanzo, Shakers kegler, who topped the pins for a mighty 224&46-270 pitch and D. Albright, gal member of the league leading Stingers, scoring with an impressive 221&19-240.



RIDE 'EM, COWBOY—Bareback bronc riding seen during the two-day rodeo held here in connection with Ranchno Days, July 22-26.

How to Judge Rodeo Riding Told by Bone-Crush Experts

In judging a rodeo, there's no place for sympathy. No points are earned by hard knocks or muscle-busting bruises. You've got to stick to the rules in deciding who scores highest in these wild rides for an eternity of eight seconds.

The first rule in bareback bronc riding gives an indication of how tough the event is. All the rider has between himself and the bronc is the regulation bareback "rigging," a smooth surcingle with a handhold in the center not unlike a suitcase handle. He has no rein to balance his weight

against, no stirrups to help absorb the shock of the bucking, no cante or swell to a saddle to help him hold his seat. Just the suitcase handle.

The rigging is cinched to the horse with the handle over his backbone about where the saddle horn would be. It can be either right or left handed and the rider can wrap it with tape or rub it with resin to improve his grip.

When balanced against the full-force pitching of half a ton of wild horse flesh these aids are small concessions indeed.

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